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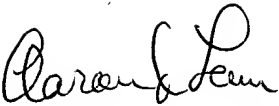
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1. The reply filed on 03/27/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): On page 8 of the 03/27/2003 reply, applicant indicated that the rejection cannot be sustained for the reasons presented in applicants Amendment mailed 06/12/2002. A review of the reasons presented in the 06/12/2002 amendment (page 23) finds arguments regarding claims 33-40, 44 and 64 relative to French patent 1,209,475 and arguments regarding claims 45-49 and 54 relative to Braun. These arguments are not responsive to the current outstanding Office action (01/28/2003) because the grounds of rejection set forth in this Office action no longer include an art rejection based on French patent 1,209,475. Braun continues to be relied upon to reject claims 83-85; however, applicants' arguments filed 06/12/2002 argue the merits of claims 45-49 and 54 relative to Braun. Cancelled claims 48, 49, 54 do correspond to claims 83-85, respectively, but applicants' arguments include cancelled claims 45-47 which are no longer applicable to the art rejection upon which Braun is based. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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